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BOSTON, SATURDAY, SEPT. 30, 1871.

Cot. Greenwood, Henry T. Williams of the *Independent*, S. B. Wells of the *Physiologist*, Journal, Wm. Cliff of the Agricultural, J. R. Dodge of the Department of Agriculture, and George S. Bowen of the Chicago Bureau.

Langmont.

In leaving Denver, it was our intention to visit the Chicago Colorado Colony at Langmont, but lack of time for a thorough reconnaissance caused a change of programme. Up to May deeds had been issued for 153 forty acre lots, 10 twenty acre lots, 10 ten acre lots, 10 five acre lots, 350 residence lots, 1000 town lots, 1000 building lots, and 1000 of sale and settlement lots since we have been progressing rapidly. Fourteen miles of ditch—eight feet in width made of lateral of four feet wide or less. A lake of two to four acres, in the northwestern portion of the town, is in progress of excavation.

There were issued at the date mentioned: 315 memberships at \$150 each, for which the Colonist might obtain forty, twenty, ten, or three town lots if pre-qualified, and one-half of \$1000 per acre, staying from \$25 to \$50. Of the 153 forty acre lots about two-thirds are already improved by cultivation, and at least forty ditches have been entered upon the Colony by the Little and Big Thompson rivers. There is abundant provision of water-power soon to be utilized in manufacturing; and, churches, a bank, variety of merchandise, have been established.

Langmont lies seven miles north of the Denver Pacific road, between Denver and Greeley.

Union Colony.

This Colony, of which so much has been written, is now in full flower, occupying a population of nearly 2000 souls, occupying 600 houses, in sixteen months after the first essay at settlement. It is located about midway between Denver and Cheyenne, 32 miles from the former place and 54 from the latter, on the Denver Pacific railroad, just above the Junction of the South Platte with the Cache la Poudre, the valley of which is a collection of all the waters of the snowy range, or the Sierras Madre, except those which flow northward across the Union Pacific road. From the South Park to the mountains lying just south of the Laramie Plains, the drainage, by the rivers above named, and Little and Big Thompson, St. Vrain and other tributaries of the South Platte. The most copious and reliable streams of Colorado are contained in the valley of the South Platte, a sort of ed do for all the valleys of these streams. The location is some 25 miles from the mountains, at an elevation of about 8000 feet, 300 feet lower than Denver, in the midst of the plains, which are elsewhere treeless except on the streams, and covered with the characteristic grasses, so dry and brown and yet nutritious and enduring, which furnish the pasturage of these wide areas.

Although nearly all soil now in cultivation has been broken for the first time the present season, crops were generally in good condition, wheat and other grains were ripening, garden vegetables were abundant and of large size, several flower gardens exhibited rare varieties in great perfection of growth and brilliancy of coloring, and several nurseries of fruit and forest trees gave promise of permanently successful results. Every one seemed active and hopeful. A great many improvements were made, and some advances. Some of the fine new tracks to the business center, command \$1000. A canal 20 feet in width, for the supply of water as power for manufacturing, is nearly completed; a flouring mill, a woolen mill company already organized, and other agricultural improvements. Herding on the neighboring plains is a profitable occupation for some residents; and the production of beef and mutton, vegetables and small fruits for mining communities of Colorado, is now and must long be a source of profit to multitudes. The supply of water for irrigation appears to be abundant, and while many mistakes have doubtless been made by cultivators nearly all of who have, yet, to learn the mysteries of cultivation by means of artificial supplies of water, no rational mind can doubt the ultimate success of the system. The soil is fertile, the long summer is all sunshine, moisture is under control at all times so that no cost except a small amount of labor. Even corn, which cannot be raised on a crop for northern Colorado is doing very well this summer, the nights having been warmer than usual. There are those who have prophesied the failure of Greeley, but present appearances only prognosticate the early and disastrous failure of such prophecy.

Brigham at Bay.

The recent legal movement to call the Apostle of Mormonism to account for having more wives than is warranted by the customs and morals of the country, will not in our opinion be attended with any serious opposition on Brigham's part, his experience having taught him that it is better, by all odds, to yield graciously than to enter on a fight from which he is sure to come off worsted. Whether he will be convicted of bigamy or not, and the regular punishment for such an offence, is another matter. He has got a plenty of money, and it is to be supposed he will use it freely for his escape by technical or some other means.

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The Poet's Corner.

For the Mass.-Ass't Ploughman.

PRAYING.

BY ELIZA F. MORIARTY.

When evening's shadows softly fall,
And all beside is still,

When the moonbeam beam delays

Upon the lonely hill,

Stand upon the misty shore,

And gasp for rest to me,

The waves have no a tale to tell,

And then I pray,

Beloved,

Weep and pray for thee.

When musing glimmers in the east,

With Rosewood, 1, 1, 1,

The robe, worn thru thy hymn

Are filling all the skies;

And, like the misty gray rocks,

My gasp is on, the sea,

Still watching each shining sail

I yearn and pray for thee,

Beloved,

I yearn and pray for thee.

And through the long, golden day,

The steady steps go by,

The shadows slowly float

Against the quiet sky;

Some faint winged wavy rest,

Some faint for out to sea,

And still with faint, faint gauze

I watch and pray for thee,

Beloved,

I yearn and pray for thee.

My yearning heart is at last,

Pain gript me to my soul,

Earth seems a heaven of lies and love,

With tears I cannot weep,

Now I feel, as well as ever,

My prayers went heard for thee,

Beloved,

My prayers were heard for thee.

Ladies' Department.

[From Lippincott's Magazine.]

THE BRANDON GHOST.

When Chauncey Brandon, in the year 1800, stepped ashore from the British steamer, he was a poor English husband whose wife leaned on his arm, and he was followed by a nurse with a bundle. This bundle, when unrolled, proved to be something soft and round, a little girl, who had been born with a marvellously short waist and a marvelously rich lace cap; in short, a luxuriously apparelled baby. A very important person, indeed, was this child of Chauncey, who had relinquished his noble old homestead, with the prestige which centuries of possession confers upon it, had chosen to make his home in a land which had become a stranger in a land which, however dear to its soul, could be hit by a place of exile.

He had abandoned all the advantages of wealth, and must stand or fall on his own merits; and he had few merits beyond a good, genial nature, and a kind heart. He had, however, made his life in its paternal development, had made him an Alon. An only son, we doubt if that Chauncey gave up his ancestral domain with a keen pang, but he did it up heartily, and with a good grace, for he had a strong desire to see his wife and her mother, and Margaret stepped quickly toward the window.

Her father caught in his path, and our poor girl went to her inheritance, "M

Brandon said, sadly.

I always told you that I would do no good to you," said Mrs. Brandon.

Poor darling! Margaret! Well, is there a blessing so far as your servants are not afraid of the ghost?

The matron was kept very quiet for some time, nothing was said to Margaret. Suddenly, the girl changed; the prudiness of her husband died out of her cheeks; her robust form grew fleshier than she had ever been before, and she was full of life and spirits. Margaret had been beckoned from her rambling music and had gone out through the open bay window to see the Brandon ghost.

She spoke to him, and he said, "I am a good man, and I can trust you. I will give you my eldest girl and thirty thousand dollars. Meanwhile, the slow sailing packet had brought news across the sea that Annie Grange, on the very evening when young Margaret had been beckoned from her rambling music and had gone out through the open bay window to see the Brandon ghost, had never expected to see.

Mrs. Chauncey Brandon was not going little, however, that reached the heroic, but fearing herself much more courageous than he with the ways of ghosts. Not that there was any reason to fear, for the ghost, though pale, stabled her by appearing white in the night, or stood between her and the sunlight; but she had theories concerning them which she asserted firmly.

In the meantime, Chauncey had not despaired himself of wealth. He had left his aged parents and his eldest sister in the old home; that other girl had known, by some secret, that the property had been sufficient to portion all and give the daughter enough to make him a gentlemanly style.

"Sometimes, I am not safer in this letter, as space, like time, is nothing to them," Mrs. C. B., said, "nor to the ghost as a fact, and made various assertions concerning the laws or lawlessnesses of its being."

"At all events," said Chauncey, "I shall build our new home at the old one as possible."

"I don't care how bold you build," said madame.

"but you must know Chauncey, that the keen vision of spiritual eyes will not be deceived by architectural differences."

"I'll have our house built here: you know that only concerns water."

"That only concerns water and fair spells," returned her wife. "Water has no power over spirit. Chauncey."

They had been in their old family residence coolly enough; they were used to their family ghost; it was known over all the west of England, and, like the family mansion, portions of it had been sold to augment the family responsibility. Moreover, in this period it was not a personal matter with this couple, for the Brandon ghost was keeping the engagement that might last indefinitely.

Chauncey Brandon built himself a house as large as Noah's ark, and much more ornate; and he had more space, and other bundles had been brought along, thus leaving them upon the domestic circle; the same, and made the circle wider, and formed part of the family.

The house over the sea, with whatever else, was given to the Brandon ghost.

The English ruler ruled over the rising generation of the Bradons, and when strangers came to call, they were received with a smile, and the circle widened.

The English ruler, who was the known to her, had never read the *Arabian Nights* nor her boy's *Metaphysics*, was ignorant of the true chivalry, and was carefully kept from her ghostly phœnix. She knew nothing of the unseen, except what she had learned from her Prayer book.Margaret was, and Margaret Brandon was often, a poor, simple, young English-looking girl, who could ride her pony, walk over hill and dale, and eat her dinner without mincing, and who eschewed pickles and mustard. Margaret, the less intelligent nor romantic, the less learned, who lessons she must, had never read the *Arabian Nights* nor her boy's *Metaphysics*, was ignorant of the true chivalry, and was carefully kept from her ghostly phœnix.

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